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Mr. Ben Laws, Deputy Chief
Office of Protected Resources
National Marine Fisheries Service
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Dept. of Commerce
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Via email: Benjamin.laws@noaa.gov

SUBJECT: Request for an LOA extension to conduct a geophysical survey (Mars/Ursa OBN) in the Mississippi Canyon, Gulf of Mexico // BOEM Permit L25-001

Dear Mr. Laws,

On March 4, 2024, Shell Offshore Inc. ("Shell") was granted a Letter of Authorization to conduct a seismic OBN survey over Block 809 and the surrounding areas located in the Mississippi Canyon, Gulf of Mexico. The survey to be executed is also referred to as the "Mars/Ursa OBN." The Mars/Ursa OBN is part of a 2024/2025 OBN survey campaign which also includes Perdido, Appomattox and Vito. The Mars/Ursa survey will be the third survey in the campaign, following Perdido and Appomattox. This survey was originally expected to be completed by the end of May or early June 2025, and as such the Mars/Ursa LOA was requested for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The start of the full campaign was delayed due to uncertainty surrounding the BiOp vacatur, and the start date for the campaign was the end of December 2024. On top of this delay, the poor weather experienced during the Perdido survey has significantly delayed operations there and delayed each of the subsequent surveys by more than a month. As a result, the Mars/Ursa survey is now projected to begin in mid/late May and will not complete before the LOA effective period end date of June 30, 2025 (LOA attached for reference). Therefore, Shell is requesting an extension of the effective period of the Mars/Ursa LOA to August 31, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 504 425 4652, Tracy.Albert@shell.com or Nicole St. Amand at 832 337 1499, Nicole.StAmand@shell.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tracy Albert".

Tracy W. Albert
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